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ANALYSIS OF THE CORE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE SUMMIT AND POLICY MEASURES TO ATTAIN ITS OBJECTIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/92

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Richard Butler (Australia), on the basis of informal consultations

The Preparatory Committee:

1. Decides to consider at its second session a draft on the expected outcome of the World Summit for Social Development which should consist of a draft Declaration and a draft Programme of Action;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare these documents on the basis of the three core issues and the eleven objectives contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 and in the light of the debate which took place at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 1993 and during the first session of the Preparatory Committee, to be issued not later than 1 June 1994;

3. Decides that the draft Declaration should:

(a) Be in three parts consisting of:

(i) A description of the world social situation and reasons for convening the Summit;

(ii) Principles, goals, policy orientations and common challenges to be addressed by all actors at the local, national, regional and international levels;

(iii) An expression of commitment and issues relating to implementation and follow-up;

(b) Remain concise and focused and express common values and objectives for social development policies;

(c) Reaffirm international agreements, instruments, declarations and decisions adopted by the United Nations system relevant to the objectives and core issues of the Summit;

4. Also decides that the draft Programme of Action should lead to the implementation of wide-ranging social development strategies by all the main actors involved at the local, national, regional and international levels. It is important, therefore, to adopt an action-oriented, innovative and effective Programme of Action with clear objectives and activities and appropriate means of implementation. It should consist of five parts:

(a) Parameters for ensuring an enabling environment, at the international and national levels;

(b) Reduction and elimination of widespread poverty;

(c) Productive employment and the reduction of unemployment;

(d) Social integration;

(e) Means of implementation and follow-up, including the role of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other intergovernmental organizations.

Common aspects of the core issues should be emphasized and treated in an integrated manner. In each of the five operational parts, policies and action should be pursued at the local, national, regional and international levels, identifying, as far as possible, the specific actors at each of these levels;

5. Further decides that, in preparing the draft Declaration and the draft Programme of Action for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its second session, the Secretary-General should take into account the proposals and elements submitted in connection with the consideration of the present decision by the Preparatory Committee at its first session, and the note prepared by the Secretariat during the course of the first session of the Preparatory Committee; 1/

6. Invites Governments to communicate their views on a draft Declaration and a draft Programme of Action to the Secretariat and requests the Secretariat to circulate those views at the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

1/ See report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session for the text of these proposals, elements and summary.